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Be my girlfriend.
That wasn't an expression of love...
He could have lost interest ages ago, too!
And because of my confession, we might not be able to be friends anymore...
What if he resumed that cold demeanor...
Why did I blurt that out?!
I'm such an idiot!
If only I'd waited to tell him in person... even getting rejected would be better than not knowing what he thinks.
At least better than floundering in trepidation anyway!

I don't want that to happen!
...and started ignoring me?
Sigh.
Lately, his phone has been either switched off or busy.
The number you have called is currently busy; please call again. 1-
Then again if I get through to him, what would I say? "Please forget what I said the other day?" Or maybe, "I was possessed by an alien don't take my words seriously?"
LIAN YOU YI, IT'S YOUR TURN!
OH, OKAY.

Silence
Hmm?
This catwalk aisle is rather spacious.
...so doing a turn is no problem! ♡
w-was that okay, seniors? or do I need to do that walk again?
HUHP! T-THAT WAS ALRIGHT!
HUHP! YOU HAVE CATWALK EXPERIENCE?
...SO NATURALLY I'M COMFORTABLE WITH IT.
YIN REI ♡ I CATWALKED A FEW TIMES AS A CHILD MODEL.
NOTHING SUBSTANTIAL. JUST A FEW PIECES OF CHILDREN'S CLOTHING.
YOUR WALK WAS VERY STEADY, UNLIKE THE AVERAGE, SELF-CONSCIOUS, UNCOMFORTABLE FIRST-TIMER'S WALK...
Don't worry, you're doing fine!

When I was young I'd look at the dazzling lights from backstage.
I was fascinated by the elaborate designs.
...captivated by the beautiful models,
who were like expressionless dolls onstage.
.. but became animated 'sisters' who hugged and kissed me once they came offstage.
The first time I walked down that aisle, I looked around with curiosity.
Blue eyes were fixed on me from both sides of the aisle,
Quel adorable enfant! WHAT A SWEET CHILD!
My smile..? But mom said that I can't smile while I'm onstage.
HER SMILE IS ENCHANTING! Sourires lines lovability!

When I was young, I didn't know that this would distract them from my clothes...
Mhrmm
...their gazes softening as they watched me.
Unconsciously I smiled at them.
Mhrmm
The audience smiled back.
Mhrmm
...and the atmosphere lightened!
momma! momma! Did I do well? The audience is smiling very happily!
Mhrmm
CHANGE INTO YOUR NEXT OUTFIT!
Momma ?
You isn't pleased ?
WHAT DID I TELL YOU BEFORE YOU GOT ONSTAGE?
HUH?

The more I care about [illegible] the less confident I am around her.
...be it Mom or... Sheng Y...
What should I do?
I NEED TO PRACTICE AGAIN
It's smiling while you're onstage! Did you forget that?
I-I'm SORRY
Mom's words were like a brilliant rose soft and pretty but heavy with concealed thorns.

Yeah...
ARGH! WHATEVER! INSTEAD OF WASTING MY TIME ON EMPTY WORRIES, I SHOULD FOCUS ON WHAT'S REALISTIC AND IMPORTANT AND CONTINUALLY PRACTICE!
HUH...? YIN REI, HAVEN'T SOME OF YOUR DESIGNS WON PRIZES AT FASHION SHOWS?
THEY WERE PARADED BY PROFESSIONAL MODELS, I DIDN'T HAVE TO MODEL THEM MYSELF.
That's right! I shouldn't waste time worrying about things that I can't change!
What's important is the upcoming fashion show!
Why are you so excited?!
Leave it to me! I'll train you!
And then, after the show, I'll talk to Sheng Ye...
The day of the fashion show...
MURMUR
MURMUR
MURMUR
WOW! SO MANY PEOPLE ARE ALREADY SEATED...

It's finally time to show off my first design!
Welcome to the Xth Annual Middle School Graduate Fashion Show~
GRAD
Soft music accompanies the designers as they ride down the catwalk...
AH! YES...
LIAN YOU YI, LET'S GET YOUR MAKEUP DONE ASAP! THE SHOW'S STARTING IN TEN MINUTES!

Mihrwww
I can hear sighs of amazement from the audience,
One by one, the twenty shortlisted designs are being revealed,
...It's such an inspiring feeling!
ba-thump!
ba-thump!
...the eclectic designs each stunning in their own way!
Huh?! There are some latecomers
Eh?
Three people...?!
ba-thump!

D-didn't he say they wouldn't be able to make it?!
No way
S-Sheng Ye?!
A-and all three of them are here!
I'm so happy!
Da-thump!
Da-thump!
LIAN YOU YI, IT'LL BE YOUR TURN SOON.
OH! GOT IT.....

Show off the shimmering skirt...
Walk out and then make a turn...
3,
...2,
...1!
Tap!
No matter what, I need to show it off perfectly...

HEH! I'M GLAD I DRAGGED YOU GUYS HERE OTHERWISE WE WOULD HAVE MISSED
SEEING XIAO YI ALL DOLLED UP!
MURMUR!
MURMUR!
MURMUR!
IT'S ACTUALLY QUITE AMAZING
...QUACK GIRL ACTUALLY LOOKS QUITE ALLURING IN THE CLOTHES SHE DESIGNED
you guys think so. too. yeah? a yao. sheng yei
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BUMP!
Whenever we talk about Quack Girl, Sheng Ye gets really odd...
HUH?
That's right... She's not only alluring but also super cute, and lots of guys will be attracted, right, Sheng Ye?
Hahahaha
Doesn't understand why Sheng Ye is mad.
He's so close up!
Wei?!
Wei?!
SOR-
-RY...
Stampede of fans!
CHAIN REACTION!!
.....
Wei?!
It's Wei!
A-A yao! w-we should g-get out now
HUH? BUT WE STILL HAVE TO WAIT FOR XIAO YI!
SUDDENLY CROWDED...
It's them!
Yao!
Sheng Ye!
Wei!
.....

KYAAAA—!!!
Lian You Yi, you're still in costume!
I-it's Ardour! They came to the fashion show, too!
Clamor!
Clamor!
...ISN'T THE SHOW OVER THOUGH?
THERE'S A COMMOTION OUTSIDE
Now the crowd is tailing them outside!
What?!

Clamor!
Clamor!
Clamor!
Clamor!
Clamor!
Are they over there?
Sheng Ye and A Yao are over there!
Wait for us! Sheng Ye...!
thud!
thud!
Once there is a commotion, they'll escape!
Sheng Ye, A Yao, Wei!
I'm not going to have a chance to talk to them!
Hey! They're over here!
Huh?!
I saw Wei! Over there!
thud!
thud!
thud!
I just saw them here, too!
OVER THERE!
Eh?
Huh?

Uh...
Why do things keep cropping up?!
I just want to see him!
Where the heck are you?!
WHO IS SHE? DRESSED LIKE THAT!
THERE'S A FASHION SHOW IN THE GYM TODAY!
My clothes stand out too much...
Sheng Ye, you dumbass!!
Clamor!
There's a commotion over there!
Where there?! Over there! Let's go!

No matter how much I search, the end result will be the same...
...I won't be able to see them this time, either...
LET'S TRY SEARCHING THAT AREA!
I JUST SAW SHENG YE AND THE OTHERS RUN IN THIS DIRECTION
...
Hey! Did you guys see the Armour trio?
Hahaha
IT'S LIKE OUR FANS ARE TRAINING US FOR CROSS COUNTRY~~~
PHEW... ALL THIS RUNNING ABOUT,
FLEXNFLOX
LET'S GO! TIME TO GET BACK TO THE OFFICE
MEH!

...I'm touched that he took time out of his busy schedule to attend my fashion show.
Even if we couldn't chat,
At least I caught a glimpse of him while onstage...
Oh well...
Thud!
Thud!
Tap!
Tap!
Thud!
Thud!
But maybe he'll be at my place when I get home tonight
Should I phone him...?
Tap!
Tap!
Thud!
Thud!
Hmm...
Tap!
Tap!

BA-THUMP!
He—
BA-THUMP!
BA-THUMP!
Why...?
Thud!
Thud!
Thud!
Tap!
Tap!
Thud!
Thud!
Thud!
Tap!
Tap!
Tap!
Tap!
Thud!
Thud!
Thud!

Heh...
BA-THUMP!

WHAM!!
BAM
bam
bam
bam!

This kiss is totally different from previous ones...
It's soft, sweet...
...dizzying...

Hahaha!
Nnn- Sheng you
S-sheesh and you laugh huff
W-why are you here?
W-wait
C-can't b-breathe
...
DID YOU FINISH WORK EARLY?

Oh...
Huh ?
YOU SAID YOU WANTED TO SEE ME. RIGHT?
So here I am
B-because of what I said, he...
I'm so happy, so happy.
So very happy...
REACTION?
T-then why was your reaction on the phone so
W-well you were so distant

WELL, I DIDN'T KNOW HOW TO REACT...
So he... isn't rejecting me, right?
What an infuriating guy, I was worried for so long!
WHAT KIND OF EXPRESSION IS THAT?
?
SPARK
SPARK
WHY DID YOU DESIGN SUCH REVEALING CLOTHES?
!!
EVEN THE SKIRT IS MADE FROM SHEER ORGANZA?

you look good today
U-What are you doing!
Don't yank this and pull that!
BA-THUMP!
ba-thump!
..my heart is about to give out!
Oh no...his smiles today have been so tender,
T-THANK YOU!!
ba-thump!
ba-thump!

Caress...
Mmm...
BA-THUMP!
um... w-what are you doing?
w-will I what?
His touch...
...is like electric fire...
THAT, OF COURSE!
ba-thump!
ba-thump!
ba-thump!
WILL YOU?
w-what are you talking about? AND get your lips away from my ear.
ba-thump!

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BA-THUMP!
H-huh?!
"WHAT" INDEED! YOU'RE NO LONGER MY MANAGER!
W-what...?
It's like I'm drowning in his allure...
His voice is deep and steady, warm and tender,
WON'T YOU BE MY GIRLFRIEND?
almost magnetic...
Even if you don't agree, there's no escape for you
Mmm
BA-THUMP!

I can hardly dare to believe it.

This cold, distant maverick,

Did he set a trap for me?!

W-wha?! Y-you wait a minute...

Hehehe

Nnnn...

...you've already said that you miss me, did you think I'd let you go after that?

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